

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [102] and [138] of the specification as shown below, in which added terms are indicated with underscoring and/or deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough.

[102] As shown in Fig. 5, the upper inner frame 13 is made of an extruded material of light metal such as aluminum alloy or magnesium alloy. This upper inner frame 13 includes: a front end portion 13a fixed to the front frame member 11; a rear end portion 13b fixed to the rear frame member 12; an opening portion 13c open to the outside of the vehicle in the width direction; a buffer action portion 13d, the cross section of which is formed into a substantial C-shape; a pair of flanges 13e, 13f, which are directed inward, extending in the width direction facing the opening 13c; curved portions 13g, 13h curved to the inside of the vehicle; and a guide portion 13k of the windowpane 31 (shown in Fig. 31) formed at the upper end portion, wherein these components are integrated into one body. One end portion of this upper inner frame 13 is connected to the front frame member 11, and the other end portion of this upper inner frame 13 is connected to the rear frame member 12, and this upper inner frame 13 is extended in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle body. As shown, the upper inner frame 13 is located at the side of the door adjacent to the passenger's space, or at the side of the passenger's space. Further, an opening of said inner frame defined by said C shape section extends in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, is directed outside the vehicle, and expands to an open space within said inner frame, whereby said inner frame may be deformed to provide a buffer action when an occupant of the vehicle bumps against the door so as to apply an impact force with an intensity greater than a predetermined value to the upper inner frame 13.

[138] This upper inner frame 213 includes: a base body portion 213j, the lateral cross section of which is a substantial C-shape; and a guide portion 213k extending upward from an upper portion of this base body portion 213j along the windowpane 231 (shown in Fig. 18). One end portion of

this upper inner frame 213 is connected to the front frame member 211, and the other end portion of this upper inner frame 213 is connected to the rear frame member 212, and this upper inner frame 213 is extended in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle body. As shown, the upper inner frame 213 is located at the side of the door adjacent to the passenger's space, or at the side of the passenger's space.